

CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

POLICY AREA 1 - GENERAL

CP 04-1.09 **Public Access Television**

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1.09.010 Purpose

To establish a Council policy for rules and procedures related to the operation of a City of Corvallis (City)-managed public access television channel. This policy will be guided by efforts that support the principles of public access and desires that such a forum be provided, allowing for the diverse voices of the community to be heard including local community-based groups and non-profit organizations.

1.09.020 Definitions

1.09.021 Public access television channel refers to a specific channel on the cable television system available to Corvallis residents for either the distribution and playback of local programming produced by local residents, community-based groups, or non-profit organizations, or the playback of programming produced elsewhere but sponsored by a local resident, community-based group, or non-profit organization.

1.09.022 A designated access provider means the entity or entities designated by the City to manage or co-manage a public access television channel and facilities. The City may be a designated access provider.

1.09.030 Policy

Public access is intended to encourage the development of a forum for diverse community organizations and individuals to present programming and information that would not otherwise be shown on the cable system.

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This policy will provide the necessary guidance and support to ensure the availability of public access to residents, require capital support from local cable operators, and establish operating rules and procedures (Exhibit A) to facilitate the ongoing operation of a public access channel.

1.09.040 Objectives

- 1.09.041 Support franchise provisions that require a public access channel(s) be made available for use by local residents, community-based groups, and non-profit organizations.
- 1.09.042 Support a public access fee to be paid by providers of commercial cable television services in the community to facilitate the operation of a public access channel.
- 1.09.043 Develop public access operating rules and procedures consistent with federal, state and local laws to provide residents, community-based groups, or non-profit organizations access on a first-come, first-served, non-discriminatory basis, subject to specific rules, program restrictions, regulations, and procedures as approved by Council.
- 1.09.044 Require program producers to take complete creative control of the content of each program and to assume full responsibility for their productions when submitted for playback on the public access television channel.
- 1.09.045 Ensure the City will be held harmless from any claim which may arise out of the cablecast of any program submitted for playback on the public access television channel.

1.09.070 Review and Update

This policy shall be reviewed every two years by the Public Works Director and updated as appropriate.